THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI J. VENGAL RAO): (a) to (c) The amounts from the drug companies can be recovered as per the provisions laid down in paragraphs 14 and 15 of the Drugs (Prices Control) Order, 1987.

Issuing Notices Under Para 7(2) of DPCO, 1979

2069. SHRI DHULESHWAR MEENA: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question 2034 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 28th November, 1988 and state:

(a) what steps are being taken by Government to issue notices in all the cases, get the details scrutinise them and collect the amounts;

(b) whether high powered committee will do this routine job; and

(c) if so, when would it start and what will be the system and procedure to be adopted for collecting the details?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI J. VENGAL RAO): (a) to (c) As already submitted in reply to the referred question, the cases referred to in the reply are proposed to be referred to a high powered committee, for further action.

Price control on Vitamin Formulation of IDPL

2070. SHRIMATI BIJOYA CHAKRAVARTY: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to refer to the answer to Starred Question 333 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 5th December, 1988 and state:

(a) on what basis Vitamin B1 and Vitamin B2 were price decontrolled when no drug was price decontrolled, merely on the basis of its being produced by IDPL; and

(b) whether it is a fact that Kelkar Committee had confirmed to his Ministry that both these drugs have not been recommended for price decontrol by them?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI J. VENGAL RAO): (a) and (b) Pursuant to the decisions of the Government on the various recommendations contained in the Report of the Kelkar Committee, all vitamins were exempt from price control as bulk drugs under DPCO, 1987, but all vitamins when used in combinations remain under price control. Vitamin 'A' and 'C' have however, subsequently been brought under price control.

Dropping proceedings against IDPL and HAL

2071. SHRI DHARANIDHAR BASUMATARI: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question 2030 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 28th November, 1988 and state:

(a) what are the reasons for dropping proceedings against IDPL and HAL and under what paragraph of DPCO 1987 can Government do so;

(b) was the amount due under Para 7(2) against IDPL and HAL assessed before dropping the proceedings and if so, what was the amount; and

(c) what are the drugs/intermediates in respect of which IDPL and HAL have been paid over Rs. 5 crores during 1988 from DPEA?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI J. VENGAL RAO): (a) and (b) The Government decided to drop legal proceedings only. There is no intention to deprive the DPEA of its legitimate dues